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Understanding What You See In The News. Philip Mudd takes his audience through the current international news and addresses which countries, leaders, and geopolitical situations pose a security threat to the United States and which do not. Mudd addresses what our nation faces going forward and what he would do differently during the war on terrorism if he could do it all over again, including what we (should have) learned over the last 10 years.

Sit At The Threat Table. Get a briefing from one of the most knowledgeable experts on national security and intelligence. Philip Mudd was briefed everyday on the issues that were on the CIA or NSB radars. Hear a firsthand account of the kinds of challenges our country faces and also what the intelligence community is doing to combat them. Mudd also reviews the important characteristics of al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations so that we can identify them in other rising groups later. He believes that it is not a specific group that is effective but a specific mindset and methodology. This kind of thinking sits his audience at the head of the Threat Table, giving them unique insight on these and other intelligence and national security questions.

Domestic Threats. Mudd believes that the United States faces even more difficult domestic challenges than international ones in terms of security. Hear about the home-grown threats—gang violence, organized crime, and child pornography—that are on the rise and rooted in our society. Mudd discusses why we hear so little of these issues, even though they provide significant risk.